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Students nominate best profs

By Megan Shearn

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

They can make a student laugh, cry or scream in frustration, but in the end, professors are a memorable part of the college experience. Every student has had a professor that made the learning experience interesting and challenging.

Students have a chance to thank that professor by nominating him or her for the Distinguished Teaching Award by Dec. 1.

"I had no idea who nominated me, but it was flattering," said John Culver, a professor of political science. Culver received the award in the 1998-99 school year and now sits on the committee that chooses the nominees.

Three professors are chosen every year. Students nominate the professors by dropping off ballots at the Kennedy Library, The Avenue or the University Union.

Culver said students need to fill out the name of the professor and answer the short questions in the flyer found at the above named drop-off stations. Some of the questions ask students to provide specific examples of excellence in teaching and how the professor had a meaningful impact on their life.

After nominations are in, the committee of six professors, who are all past winners, and two students go through the entries to decide the nominees. Culver said that he chooses the two students who serve on the committee. Committee members sit in on a professor's class to get a feel of what the student sees.

"We usually ask ourselves, 'did we get something out of it?'" Culver said. "How well does the professor interact with the students? Are the students paying attention?"

After visits are through, the committee meets again to decide on the finals. Culver said President Warren Baker chooses the three winners from the list of finalists based on the evidence the committee has shown.

"We were all in agreement last year of who it was," Culver said.

Last year's winners, Mike Geringer, professor of global strategy and law, Brent Hallock of soil science and Clint Staley of computer science, spoke to colleagues Wednesday at the Distinguished Teacher's Panel.

Each professor talked on how he motivated his students and himself.

"I don't consider myself a teacher, but a facilitator of learning," Geringer said. "If you don't have the other side, you don't have a meaningful dialogue."

Geringer said there were two ways to stay motivated.

Number one was that a professor needs to enjoy the material that he or

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Presidential race undecided

Florida ballots still being recounted; Bush and Gore remain nearly even

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — by the end of today.

Florida officials began recounting nearly 6 million ballots Wednesday to determine the next president, while Democrats and some voters complained of irregularities in the election.

The recount in all 67 counties was triggered by state law because Republican George W. Bush led Democrat Al Gore by less than one-half of 1 percent. State officials said they will count every ballot over again, and expected to be finished

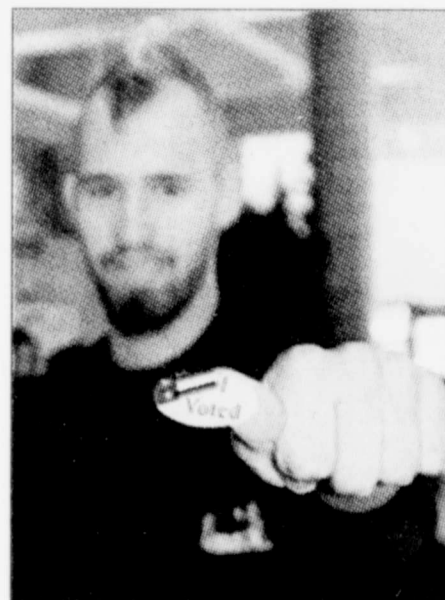
Florida elections supervisors also waited for an undetermined number of overseas ballots, primarily from military personnel and their families. The state allows 10 days after the election for the ballots to come in.

The state counted about 2,300 overseas ballots in the 1996 election — more than the margin separating Gore and Bush this time — so there is a

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Above, Joshua Soderlund, a forestry and natural resources senior, displays proof that he voted on Tuesday. Left, Colin Bartolome, a computer science freshman, fills out his ballot at the University Union voting station. The presidential race is still undecided due to the recount of Florida ballots. George W. Bush and Al Gore remain nearly tied, but there are still overseas absentee ballots to be counted.

Workshop gives women safety options

By Christine Powell

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

When a woman is faced with a rape situation, she has options.

To react in a passive manner is one option, and to react with aggression is another. A woman's instinct is to react in an aggressive manner, but in choosing to do so, she must know how to work in an effective manner in order to get out of the situation.

Rape Aggression Defense, RAD, is a self-defense course that is suitable for women of all ages and abilities. The course provides women with a clear base of options to deal with an assault. Aggression, in the form of self-defense, is taught so that it becomes a natural and practical consideration for a woman who is attacked.

The RAD workshop will take place on campus Nov. 17 to 19 for a total of 12 hours of instruction. The course is sponsored by University Police and is free. Although all 20 spaces are full for fall quarter, another RAD course will take place during winter quarter.

According to the RAD Systems staff, ineffective attempts to ward off an attacker stem primarily from a lack of knowledge about the basic self-defense principles. Women don't know about the options she has available to her during a violent encounter.

"This self-defense is designed for women," said University Police Sgt. Lori Hashim. "We teach women what her personal weapons are and how to defend herself against a man who is raping her."

The overall goal of the program is to reduce victimization through informed decision-making and sensible action. According to resistance statistics, self-defense preparation through education and training is the best way to survive an assault.

"What we're teaching are very simple, practical techniques," Hashim said.

Scholarship designed to aid future teachers

By Jon Hughes

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

In an attempt to address California's teacher shortage and aid some of the state's low performing public schools, the California State University system will introduce a \$20,000 teaching fellowship for students enrolled full-time in teaching credential programs.

The Governor's Teaching Fellowship was established recently by Gov. Gray Davis with the intention of bringing high quality teachers to schools that have performed poorly on standardized tests. The \$20 million program will give fellowships to selected individuals with the stipulation that they commit to teach for at least four years in the low performing schools. The \$20,000 one-year fellow-

ship, which is non-renewable, is intended to help students pay for education and living expenses while earning their teaching credentials.

Ken Swisher, a spokesman for the CSU system, said that the program is unprecedented in its focus.

"We've never done something like this before, pairing low performing schools with high performing teachers," Swisher said. "Our goal is to get the best teachers into the schools that need them the most."

The fellowship will be awarded in January to 250 students, selected from the pool of applicants based entirely on merit. In order to qualify, students must have a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited school or university, a verified academic and employment record, and documented

experience in working with children, among other things.

Beginning in September of next

"Our goal is to get the best teachers into the schools that need them the most."

Ken Swisher
CSU spokesman

year, the program will expand to 1,000 fellowships, to be awarded annually thereafter.

The program arrives at a time when California's public schools are enduring a near critical shortage of qualified teachers. There are currently 30,000 teachers in the state who are using

emergency permits, meaning that they do not have teaching credentials but have been authorized to teach due to the shortage. In the next decade, it is projected that California will need to hire 250,000 to 300,000 new teachers.

Swisher recognized the problem and feels that the fellowship program will help to address it.

"There are teachers right now who are not qualified to teach," he said. "The Governor's Teaching Fellowship will help in getting qualified teachers."

The deadline for applications for the first 250 fellowships is Nov. 20. Those interested in applying should download an application at www.teacher-fellowship.calstate.edu or call (866)824-7335.

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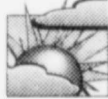
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remote possibility that those ballots alone could change the outcome.

The scrutiny was intense because Florida, with its 25 electoral votes, will decide the winner of the presidential cliffhanger. In an added twist, the state's governor, Jeb Bush, is the younger brother of the Republican nominee.

"We thought it would be close. Never in my wildest dreams did I ever imagine it would be this close," Jeb Bush told reporters in the capital city.

The latest Florida totals, including all absentee ballots received so far, showed Bush with 2,909,135 votes and Gore with 2,907,351 — a difference of 1,784 in a state with 8.75 million registered voters.

With 28 of 67 Florida counties recounted Wednesday, Bush's lead over Gore decreased by 663 votes. Gore had a net gain of 839 votes from Tuesday night's count; Bush, a net gain of 176 votes.

Both Bush and Gore campaigned hard in the state and regarded it as crucial.

Some counties completed the count Wednesday and forwarded results to Tallahassee for certification by Republican Secretary of State Katherine Harris and state elections director Clay Roberts, a Republican appointee. Jeb Bush said he recused himself.

Although both candidates typically pick up votes in a recount, veterans of the process said it is unusual for one side to pick up enough votes to make

a difference in the outcome.

In each county, a county judge, the chairman of the county commission and the local elections supervisor, recounted the votes by feeding punch cards through tabulation machines three times. The makeup of the canvassing board is supposed to insulate the process from politics, Roberts said.

Two former secretaries of state — Warren Christopher for Gore and James A. Baker III for Bush — were heading monitoring teams sent to Florida on Wednesday.

In Florida and elsewhere, Democrats grumbled about long lines at the polls, reports that ballots were late in arriving at polling places and other possible irregularities.

"We've received literally thousands of telephone calls and inquiries and reports of irregularities like ballots appearing and disappearing, voter intimidation, and the totals of this election sort of mysteriously disappearing and growing overnight," state Democratic Party chairman Bob Poe said.

Jesse Jackson said he got calls on Election Day complaining that blacks had difficulty voting in Florida and other Southern states. Jackson said some voters were told there were no more ballots, or that polls were closed.

"What we need is not just a recount by hand, but also a thorough investigation," Jackson said.

NAACP President Kweisi Mfume said he has asked the Justice Department to investigate what he called numerous complaints of election irregularities affecting minority voting. He also wants the federal government to oversee the recount.

"We are not suggesting foul play,

but we are very much concerned that foul play can happen," he said in a statement.

Separately, Democratic officials and hundreds of voters complained about the way ballots in Palm Beach County were arranged. Voters punched holes in the middle of the ballot, while candidates were alternately listed to the left and then the right.

"It was virtually impossible to know who you voted for," said Mark Hirsch, a 30-year-old business executive who voted for Green Party candidate Ralph Nader.

Some Gore supporters said they feared they mistakenly voted for Reform Party candidate Pat Buchanan. Gore carried the county by

more than 110,000 votes, but the 3,407 votes for Buchanan were by far the most of any Florida county, and almost 20 percent of his total vote in the state.

Republicans said the ballot was approved by Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections Theresa LePore, a Democrat.

"The ballot was laid out within accordance with the statute," Roberts said. "That's a voting system that's been in use for many years in many counties."

Jeb Bush said he has seen nothing that indicates fraud, and pledged a fair recount.

"Voter fraud in our state is a felony, and guilty parties will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law," he said.

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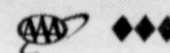


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she is going to teach.

"If you're not excited or motivated, don't teach it," he said. "If you still have to teach it, find something that can be motivating."

Number two was having respect for the student.

"Lecture little and get to know each student," he said.

For Hallock, humor is the key to successful motivation.

"Keep the students interactive," he said. "Personalize the class. I never wear the same tie all quarter long."

Hallock likes to see students have a

say in the classroom.

"Sometimes you have to give up more control, but that's OK with me," he said.

Spontaneity is also a large factor in keeping up class morale for Hallock.

"Keep the lectures alive by getting the students out of the normal setting," he said.

Staley, otherwise known as Darth Vader to his students, said assuring the students that their work will prepare them for moving ahead is the key to student motivation.

Staley said his students consider him a hard case, but they give him respect for it in the end.

"Students know what they're getting into when they take my class, but

"I don't consider myself a teacher, but a facilitator of learning."

I assure them that they can do it," he said.

Staley also said that professors should watch each student individually. He gave the example of a current student who missed his midterm. Staley wrote him a message asking him where he was. The student replied back discouraged that he wasn't doing as well as he planned.

Staley assured the student that he was receiving a B average, and if he

Mike Geringer
professor of global strategy and law

was to come back, he would continue to do fine.

To Staley, high standards are not elitist but egalitarian.

"It assures that everyone succeeds and does well," he said. "You can give the students a challenge; you just have to assure them that it is doable."

Students can also vote online at www.calpoly.edu/~acadsen/CITES/AWARDS/form.html.

West Bank, Gaza Strip still tense

JERUSALEM (AP) — Violence flared in the West Bank and Gaza Strip on Wednesday even as Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat headed for Washington to consult with President Clinton. Palestinian gunmen killed a customs worker on her way to work, and four Palestinians were shot dead in clashes.

The Palestinian leader flew to Cairo to meet with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak — the main sponsor, with Clinton, of the peace process — and then to Britain for a meeting with Prime Minister Tony Blair.

Arafat, who spoke with Blair during a three-hour London stop, "underlined the important role which Britain and the European Union could play in support of the peace process," a Blair spokesman said. No further details were known.

The Palestinian leader was due in Washington by nightfall, and will meet with Clinton on Thursday. Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak was to meet with Clinton on Sunday.

Barak said on Israeli television that he will not ask for resumption of peace negotiations. "I go to Washington to ensure that the end of violence that was agreed on at Sharm el-Sheik is carried out if that is possible. That is all," he said, referring to a truce mediated last month by Clinton in Egypt.

Although the Palestinians have said they won't declare statehood on Nov. 15 — the 12th anniversary of a symbolic independence declaration Arafat made in exile — they did say they might do so without prior notice.

"The Palestinian people have the right to declare the state whenever they want," Nabil Shaath, a top aide to Arafat, said Wednesday.

That came a day after Barak made his clearest ever offer of statehood to the Palestinians, but said it could come only through negotiations — and that talks would resume only once the violence stopped.

"This situation cannot continue and Israel will put an end to it, be it by political or other ways," Barak said Wednesday at a memorial to former Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, slain by a Jewish extremist five years ago.

"Violence will not achieve anything, it will not change our policy and will not weaken our determination to bring peace and security to Israel."

But the prospect of a peaceful resolution seemed far away Wednesday.

Three Palestinian gunmen ambushed an Israeli customs official traveling to work in Rafah, the Israeli-controlled border crossing between the Gaza Strip and Egypt. They killed her and injured her nephew, who was driving.

Barak said he viewed the attack "with great severity, especially on the eve of ... Arafat's trip to Washington. It calls into question the seriousness of Arafat's intentions to implement ... understandings and decrease violence in the region."

A group allied with the militant Islamic Jihad, a small organization opposed to the peace process, claimed responsibility for the attack in a statement faxed to The Associated Press in Damascus, Syria.

In retaliation, Israel shut down the crossing and Gaza's airport, which it jointly controls with the Palestinians.

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Something is rotten in the state of Florida

Get ready to write your responses, this column is going to be brutal. Let's get one thing straight; Al Gore would be our next President if it weren't for Nader. Nader's presence in Florida absolutely killed Gore. Here's my thesis: It's a sad day when Republican loyalists are cheering over an upset they didn't even take legitimately. Allow me to sharpen your focus on the fuzzy picture this election has become. Don't be disillusioned – if Bush wins this election, it isn't because of his ideas or vision, but rather a rogue liberal that couldn't even muster 5 percent nationally. For the most part, Nader's supporters ran like the wind from him when crunch time came. This shows one thing and one thing only.

Nader was, and is, just a fad. His vision and cause will die out and be just a blip on the radar screen. His hopes of political influence and change are shot. Mark my words, no

Eddie Drake

Democrat worth his/her salt will ever give him the time of day and Nader has admitted that he doesn't want anything

to do with the Republican Party. So what did Nader get for his trouble? No matching funds in 2004, a half million really disappointed supporters and one pissed-off columnist.

Let's break it down. Gore took Michigan, Pennsylvania and early in the race the iron triangle was solidified with Florida. However, after a flip one way, then another flop the other way, Florida all of a sudden needed a recount. So let's talk a little business about the Sunshine State.

Florida, and its crucial 25 electoral votes, is considered a bellwether state. They say Florida represents the nation. Because of their incredibly diverse population, I have to agree. But enough fluff. Here are a few things that will be breaking in the next two days. In Palm Beach County, a predominantly senior citizen and Jewish district, hundreds of angry voters complained to elections officials that they feared they had mistakenly cast their votes for Reform Party candidate Pat Buchanan instead of Gore. In fact, the majority of Buchanan's support came from this county (which by its own admission is VERY rich with Democrats). The ballot that caused the confusion is the "butterfly ballot." On it, the names of Al Gore and Pat Buchanan were awkwardly positioned next to the Scantron bubbles; sending Grandma and Grandpa into a quagmire over making sure they voted for the right person. Is an old Jewish couple going to vote for a man who has been quietly labeled a Neo Nazi? I THINK NOT!

Not enough? How about some more suspicious info. In a Miami precinct, a ballot box was left at the polling place overnight and not included in the official count of Florida! It was discovered Wednesday morning by an employee of the church where voting took place. The precinct the ballot box came from represented a high percentage of African American and West Indians who, again, typically vote Democratic. So what the hell is this? A Yugoslavian election? Are we making a practice of not counting all the votes for a reason? It is so incredibly suspicious that these two examples are both damaging to Democrats and that the Governor of Florida is Bush's brother! To compound it all, it is Jeb Bush who is overseeing the recount!

Now look, I can take it if Gore loses, I really can. But for Florida to not only hold out until the very last second to release its results, but now also come under such fire for sloppy election practices has to raise some doubt in your mind as to the authenticity of the numbers we're seeing. In the end, I guess I won't be satisfied until Gore is president.

Eddie Drake is a political science senior.

Electoral College is out of date



The framers of the Constitution may have rolled over in their graves after Tuesday night's freak show of election results.

Election day has come and gone, and neither Al Gore nor George W. Bush has been named the 43rd president of the United States. Not since 1888 has a presidential race come down to one candidate

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winning the popular vote, with the other candidate taking the majority of electoral votes, and ultimately winning the presidency. This scenario seems to be playing out between Gore and Bush, with neither of them stepping down to concede defeat.

News networks and political experts began to "call" which presidential candidates won each state Tuesday night. Things got hectic and strange, however when the votes in some states were just too close to accurately predict the next leader of our country.

Early in the evening, networks said Gore had won Florida, but that decision was taken back. As more and more states were decided, it all came down to Florida and its 25 electoral votes. Gore and Bush remained virtually neck and neck with electoral votes, creating a nail-biting night of political drama. Then, it was decided by the networks that Bush had taken Florida, making it mathematically impossible for Gore to win the presidency, based solely on the 271 electoral votes Bush had at that time. It was announced everywhere that our next president would be Bush, even though votes had not been completely tallied.

The situation got even more tense when networks took Florida away from Bush as well, simply because the margin of votes Bush had on Gore was too close. It was decided that Florida's votes would have to be recounted. As the night went on, no decisions were officially made on who would be our next president, leaving members of the American public to speculate and wonder whether their vote made a difference.

In one of the closest races in history, the Electoral College system of voting has come under close scrutiny. The Electoral College was established more than 200 years ago when the Constitution was being framed. According to Grolier's Encyclopedia Americana online, the Electoral College is the collective name for a group of electors, nominated by political parties within the states and popularly elected. When Americans go to the polls to vote for who they want to be president, they are actually voting for slates of electors who pledge to vote for who took the majority of popular votes in their state. This brings on the question of whether or not an individual person's vote can make a difference in an election.

What we have seen so far in this year's election is that yes, every vote counts – especially in close states like Florida where Bush only led by about 2,000 votes. As of Wednesday night after the election, nothing had been decided. The only thing we know is that it is quite possible for Gore to win the popular vote, or the total number of votes within each state, and more likely that Bush will take the electoral vote

majority, subsequently becoming our next president.

The Electoral College was created by the framers of the constitution because they believed the people of the nation at that time could not know enough about the qualifications of the candidates, according to an MSNBC Web site. Basically, the framers didn't trust Americans to choose their leader, so they came up with this system. In the year 2000, though, the system has become outdated and archaic. Back in the day, the system worked, especially because of the lack of technology and communications. It was understandable that not everyone who voted at that time knew who or why they chose a candidate simply because of the absence of radio, television and the Internet.

We are so bombarded in this day and age by what we see and hear about politics that it is safe to say we might have an idea of who we are voting for in an election. Because we are supposedly responsible and well-informed voters, we should get rid of the Electoral College and truly let the people decide. It seems completely unfair that one candidate may pick up the popular vote and not be elected president. We live in a democracy where we cherish a rule by the people. When a candidate takes the popular vote, it is only right to say that the people have spoken.

The Electoral College is an old way of doing things. We should carry out the expression "out with the old and in with the new," and make each vote count.

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arts & entertainment

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A Midsummer Night's Dream

Impetuous lovers and enchanted fairies will collide with proud nobles and silly commoners as laughter and pranks amuse audiences in Cal Poly Arts' fall production, "A Midsummer Night's Dream." This Shakespearean comedy is performed entirely by students, and runs this Wednesday through Saturday with additional shows next Thursday through Saturday, all at 8 p.m..

"I think this is a 'pleasing to the eye' type of show," said Katie Gross, recreation administration junior who plays Helena. "There are lots of bright colors and costumes."

In this famous play, Helena loves Demetrius, a young noble who loves another young woman named Hermia. Hermia, though promised to marry Demetrius by her father, loves Lysander who returns her affection. This love quadrangle ends up in the enchanted forest, where they are subject to the tricks and fantasy of the fairies and their leaders, Oberon, the fairy king, and Titania, the fairy queen.

Through the twists and turns of Shakespeare's plot, the student cast interjects its own interpretations of dance and movement, enhanced by expressive costuming and original music and sound.

"This play is definitely an all-around performing arts production," said Nate Asher, a theater junior who plays Quince. "We have music, dancing and gymnastics. There's comedy, but also dark moments. It's fun because it's fantasy."

The fairies are dressed in shimmering costumes of glitter and paint that flow as they dance and complete back hand-springs across the stage. Puck, Oberon's mythical servant, is adorned with leaves and projects a child-like, mischievous character. The nobles are regally robed, and the king and queen of fairies have a supernatural storybook appeal. Oberon is intimidating with his large black antlers and black cape adorned with feathers while Titania is clothed in a white ethereal gown, long blond hair streaming behind her.

Gross said she is excited to do the show and hopes for a full house. She and other students worked with a Shakespearean expert to better present the language so that audiences will find the play more accessible.

"It's one of the most fun Shakespearean plays," Asher said. "It's easy to follow."

Director Emma Stauffer chose the play because she feels that it brings out elements of joy and delight that are often lost in our culture these days.

"People of all ages can enjoy the show," Stauffer said. "I'd like to think we have a unique take on it."

Stauffer said that though the play is hypothetically set in ancient Greece, it has a futuristic quality that frees the setting from any particular time period. The set is subtle with trees looming in the background to represent the enchanted forest and a stairway to the side, which is used as a palace among other things.

The music and sound for this performance were composed by one of Cal Poly's sound technology design classes. The class was split into six groups, and each group was assigned a portion of the play. As a result, the sound throughout the play is both original and diverse.

Tickets for "A Midsummer Night's Dream" are \$8 for students and senior citizens and \$9 for the public. They are available at the Performing Arts Ticket Office from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays. The show runs Nov. 8 - 11 and Nov. 16 - 18.



Mature U2 delivers album of less rock, more lullaby

By Jon Hughes

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Throughout the history of rock and roll, the great bands have been the ones that have not been afraid to change, be it their sound, style or lineup. Groups like the Rolling Stones, Beatles and the Who, evolved from simple, pop-friendly units to produce complex material that continues to influence decades after its inception.

U2 must be included among such great bands, if only for the fact that perhaps no other group has gone through as many flat out reinventions as it has. When the group took criticism for taking itself too seriously, U2 responded with "Achtung Baby," a great album that took nothing too seriously.

Another reinvention came with the release of "Pop" in 1997. The band, excited about the electronic music revolution, decided to incorporate as much of the new style as possible into the album, essentially making "Pop" night to the day of "Joshua Tree."

The album was not well received, garnering cold reviews and a lukewarm reception by the public, who wanted the old U2 back again.

Perhaps due to the "Pop" backlash, U2 has again reinvented itself with its new album, "All That You Can't Leave Behind," released in stores on Oct. 31. In actuality, it is more of a reinvention. The CD is not a knock on its new effort nor is it an indication that U2 has taken a step backward musically. With the new album, it just seems to be trying to simplify its sound, eliminating the electronic crunches,

beeps and scratches that many felt were used to excess on "Pop."

The result of the simplification is a clearer, more pleasant and overall better effort than their previous two. Although "Behind" pales in comparison to some of the group's magnificent efforts of years past ("War," "Joshua Tree," "Achtung Baby"), it is still a welcome return to what U2 does best—writing catchy, pleasing rock songs.

"Behind" features at least three great songs among its 11 tracks. "Stuck in a Moment" and "In a Little While" are pure joy, avoiding overproduction and succeeding in their sweet simplicity and harmony. In "Moment," Bono sings, "I'm just trying to find a decent melody/ A song that I can sing in my own company." Both songs are just that.

"Behind" is far from a perfect album, however. Quite simply, it is kind of boring, with too many ballads

and slower-paced songs and not enough rockers in the tradition of "Mysterious Ways" and "In God's Country." Aside from the first three songs, "Behind" is almost plodding, with nary a crunching guitar or crashing cymbal to be heard.

The songs, with the exception of the painfully slow "Peace on Earth" and the elevator music-sounding "When I Look at the World," are all very solid, with U2's characteristically strong melodies and sharp lyrics. But by the end of the album, "Behind" feels more like a bedtime lullaby than a true musical experience like "Joshua Tree" or "Achtung Baby."

At this point, it is probably unfair to expect greatness from what is, quite frankly, an aging band. Its past



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Recently, U2 released a new album, titled "All That You Can't Leave Behind." It offers a variety of sounds.

contributions have set such high standards that U2 will likely never meet them with any subsequent effort. The members are middle-aged men now, Bono's voice is deteriorating and the musical landscape has

changed such that the sound is no longer revolutionary.

What makes "All That You Can't Leave Behind" a good, solid album is that U2 realizes its limits. Where "Pop" tried for too much, attempting

to place U2 in a genre in which it had no business, "Behind" succeeds in its simplicity and acceptance of reality. U2 may not be the band it once was, but it clearly has plenty of musical life left and melodies to contribute.

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Symphony lets public listen in on four free concert rehearsals

By Matt Smart

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The San Luis Obispo Symphony is offering a free "no tie" dress rehearsal this Saturday at 1 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center for Cal Poly students and the general public.

This rehearsal is a chance to see oboe soloist Allan Vogel perform Concerto for Oboe and Orchestra by Richard Strauss in a relaxed environment.

The free dress rehearsals started two years ago when the symphony began selling out its Saturday evening series events. Two years ago 50 people went to the rehearsals. Last year between 700 and 800 people attended the rehearsals. Earlier this year the symphony turned people away at the door.

Patty Thayer, marketing director for the symphony, elaborated on the nuances of the rehearsals. "The event is very casual," Thayer said. "It is possible music will be stopped and started, but it is as close to the final performance as it gets. Even people with tickets come. The conductor will sometimes turn around and talk to the audience about the piece being played."

The orchestra is made up of a broad section of San Luis Obispo residents. Many of the symphony orchestra members are teachers at Cal Poly. These members helped create the free rehearsals for students, Thayer said.

Upcoming events in the series will include Pianist Gail Niwa on Feb. 3.

She will be performing Richard Brahms' Concerto for Piano and Orchestra No. 2. On March 10, Jacalyn Kreitzer, a mezzo-soprano, will sing. She will perform a piece by Gustav Mahler along with the Women of the Cal Poly Choirs. On May 5, a 13-year-old Korean child prodigy on violin, Hanbin Yoo, will be playing a piece by Edouard Lalo.

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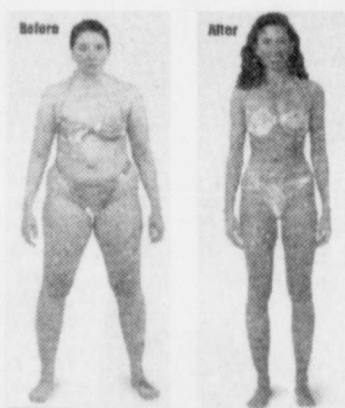
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Gourds illustrate modern Native American culture

By Jayson Rowley
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Native Americans were the original inhabitants of the San Luis Obispo area. Their culture and way of life is carried on through the art of Matthew Zepeda, on display at the Johnson Gallery on Marsh Street.

Zepeda uses locally grown gourds as a canvas to create his Native American-based works of art. After being harvested and left to dry for a year, the gourds are soaked in water, cleaned and sanded by hand. Zepeda uses glass beads, paints, stains and wood-burning techniques to add color and decoration to the gourds.

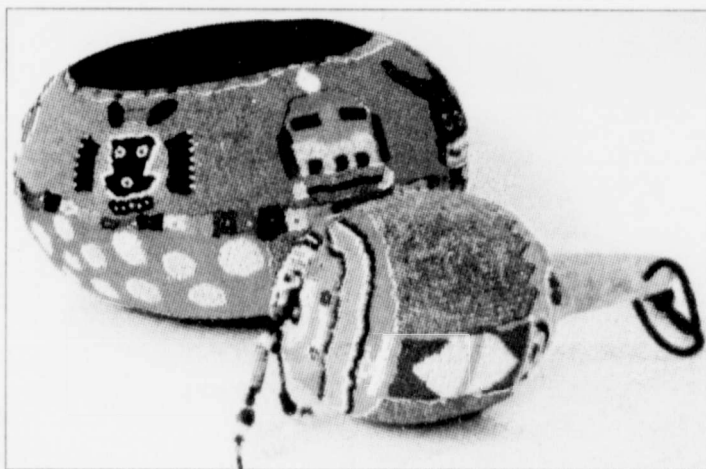
"I've known Matthew for five years," said Gail Johnson, owner of the Johnson Gallery. "The interesting thing is that he creates images from all of the tribes, not just his own."

For example, in a piece titled "Four Seasons Bear," Zepeda uses silhouettes of bears and images of nature to represent the four seasons. They are arranged in a circle, representing the cycles of life. The circle occurs continuously in Native American art and represents the Earth, moon, planets, sun, rebirth, eternity and the cycles of nature.

In a work titled "Petroglyph," Zepeda uses his art to represent his bond to ancient artists. His Yaqui tribe ancestors were from the Sonora Desert, which stretches from Arizona to New Mexico. In "Petroglyph," Zepeda depicts images of scorpions, snakes, horned toads and lizards that were present in the desert. This gourd is a true representation of Zepeda's heritage.

"My art work expresses what I believe, that all tribes are connected in some way," Zepeda said in a Johnson Gallery press release. "Historically, Native Americans have fought one another. Through my work I strive to bring them together as one."

Zepeda does not always use gourds strictly as his can-



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Matthew Zepeda's Katchina Gourd and Rattlesnake Rattle are two of the gourd-art pieces he has created, viewable at the Johnson Gallery.

vas. He also cuts and bends them into shapes. One gourd is in the shape of a snake, and the most lively of all is the "Wolf Mask." The mask seems alive because of the way Zepeda hinged the mouth. He depicts wolves in his art as a way of honoring them because they are now threatened in a land where they once roamed freely.

Growing up in San Luis Obispo, Zepeda's grandmother taught him of his Yaqui, Apache, Spanish and French heritage. In 1969, he enlisted in the military and was stationed in South Dakota. There he met members of the Lakota tribe in the Black Hills. He became involved in their causes and participated in the tribe's occupation of Mount Rushmore.

Zepeda's work is inspiring and reminiscent of Native American culture. The ways of the Native American tribes are now seen only as stereotypical roles in school-books and movies. Zepeda brings the culture to life with an authentic portrayal of Native Americans.

WriterSpeak brings a Southern poet to Poly

By Jenifer Hansen
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Anyone looking for a cultural activity within the community may not have to look beyond the Cal Poly campus.

Rodney Jones, a poet originally from Alabama, will read from his own work at the Performing Arts Center's Phillips Recital Hall tomorrow at 7 p.m.

Jones' reading is the first in a series of four WriterSpeak events that will take place throughout the rest of the school year.

WriterSpeak is a visiting writer's program that began approximately 15 years ago. The program developed out of the English department, but now is primarily sponsored by Cal Poly Arts and the College of Liberal Arts.

Writers who come to Cal Poly to participate in the WriterSpeak series are recruited by English professors and are paid for the time they take to visit with fans of poetry and writing. Funding for the program comes from the sponsoring organizations and outside grants from a national organization called Poets and Writers.

The goal of WriterSpeak is to bring nationally recognized writers to read from their work and spend time with students, said Adam Hill, a professor of English and director of the program. Hill asked Jones to visit because he has gained a fairly large following. His latest book of poetry, "Elegy for the Southern Drawl," earned a spot as one of three finalists for this year's Pulitzer Prize.

Jones writes about all kinds of subjects, "from the most mundane stuff like looking at yourself in a mirror to larger issues of faith and war," Hill

said.

"He seems to want to write about everything and write about it well," he added.

Hill chose Jones because he would be enjoyable as a speaker because his poems are so entertaining.

"I think anybody that comes will be vastly entertained," he said.

Jones is currently a professor of English at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. During his tenure as a poet, he has published seven books of poetry.

Three other writers will visit Cal Poly as part of the WriterSpeak series. Scheduled for Jan. 27 is T.C. Boyle, one of the more popular writers of short stories and novels. On April 13, poet Kim Addonizio will visit from San Francisco and read from her work. Last in the series is George Saunders, who on May 11 will travel from Syracuse, N.Y., to read from his collection of short stories.

Hill said he would encourage anyone looking for a different cultural experience to come to any of the WriterSpeak events. English majors aren't the only students that may find the readings interesting or entertaining, he said.

"You may be surprised to find out that you actually like it," Hill explained.

Jones' arrival at Cal Poly takes place in conjunction with the San Luis Obispo Poetry Festival.

Jones' reading costs \$2 for students and \$3 for the public. Money from the event goes back to the San Luis Obispo Poetry Festival. All of the future WriterSpeak events are free.

For more information and schedules for the festival, contact Kevin Sullivan at 547-1318.

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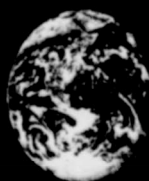
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London — a crown jewel

By Jordan Roberts
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

It's not too late to have an experience of a lifetime. The London Study program is still accepting applications for the spring program.

John Sneysinger, a history professor, is the program director for London Study. He said the program provides an excellent educational experience, while being fun at the same time.

"For example, in the Shakespeare class, you don't just sit in a classroom and listen to lecture," Sneysinger said. "You actually go to the plays. It is a whole other experience to see this stuff firsthand."

He said that it is a great resume-builder since there is such a stress on globalization in today's economy.

"It is a wonderful way for students to develop global awareness," Sneysinger said. "Politically, the British think we are out to lunch here in America. It is good for students to see and understand this and is good for developing analytical skills."

Sneysinger teaches History 315 for the program. He has gone on the London Study program for one quarter every year since 1987, but he says he wishes it were more.

"Faculty members that go say it was

the best teaching experience of their lives, and we have faculty lined up to teach there," Sneysinger said. "It is a great cosmopolitan city and students always tell me the program changed their lives. That is very exciting and rewarding for me to hear students' feedback."

Megan Lazarus, a speech communication senior who attended London Study last spring, said the program provided a whole different learning environment than that at Cal Poly.

"I made a lot of really great friends," she said. "We become so close because of all the experiences we shared. But you don't meet very many British because the program is so Americanized. Even in the clubs, we just ended up clicking with other Americans since we suddenly have so much in common, being in a foreign country together."

She said ten weeks is a perfect length to stay abroad. She didn't really have time to be homesick, since there was always so much going on. She also said before she left, people said the living situation would be bad.

"It was definitely livable, and you really aren't there that much since you're always out sightseeing or attending class," Lazarus said. "But the students are spaced out all over London,

and it would have been nice if we were closer. Also, some students get better living arrangements than others."

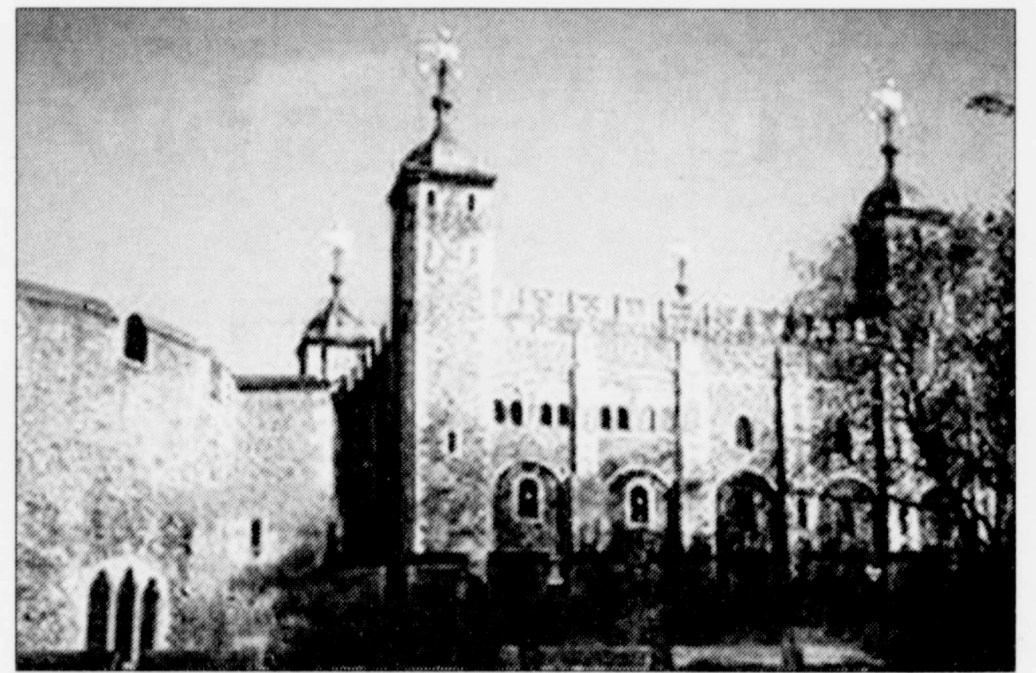
The London Study program includes a seven-day tour of England, and the students stay in cities such as York, Liverpool, Bath and Stratford-Upon-Avon.

"Living in Europe is a whole new experience and it is much different than just vacationing there," Lazarus said.

Sneysinger said about 100 students usually go on the spring program. The program representatives want everyone that is eligible to eventually be able to go, which includes those with a GPA of 2.6 or higher.

They accept students by starting with the seniors who have the highest GPAs and work their way down to those seniors with 2.6 GPAs. Last year, every eligible student was accepted into the program.

Sneysinger said students in the program must take a minimum of 12 units, including seven units of a required class and activity series called



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The London Tower is one of many sight-seeing opportunities in London.

London: Life, Culture and Institutions. Since every student takes this class, it is a good opportunity to meet the other students on the program.

Sneysinger noted that the program is expensive, but added that there are six scholarships given out every year for the program, decided by financial need. According to the London Study Web site, the quarter costs about \$8,500, but Lazarus said she spent closer to \$10,000 for everything.

The second informational meeting about the spring program will be held on Nov. 16 at 11 a.m. in building 33, room 286. A financial aid officer will discuss ways students can fund their London Study experience. Several students and faculty who have attended the program will share their experiences and answer questions, and applications will be available.

For more information, go to the meeting and check out www.calpoly.edu/~lndnstdy.

'Wasted Motel' doesn't focus on sexuality

By Victoria Walsh
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Vacancy: one night only. Spend the night at the "Wasted Motel" and you might not return the same.

This Saturday, the Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals United club will present a performance at Philips Hall, room 124 in the Performing Arts Center.

"Wasted Motel," in an interview posted on Technodyke.com was described as "gorgeous decrepit roadside ruin with a big-ass blinking sign and an adjacent lounge serving up booze and strange characters."

Shar Rednour, one of the performers, is the author of "The Femme's Guide to the Universe." Tea, another actor, is author of "Valencia" and co-founder of the rock band "Sister Spit." The group stems from San Francisco,

but its popularity has enabled it to travel extensively throughout the country. It has performed in states such as Utah, New York, Montana, Washington, D.C. and Massachusetts.

The show begins at 8 p.m. Although the show is free, a \$5 donation will be accepted at the door. The donation pays for "Wasted Motel."

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Letter to the editor

Diversity creates intolerance Editor,

I'm responding to the article on diversity published on Nov. 6 ("University plans for diversity"). Diversity seems to be a hot topic in the media lately. Every school, public institution and company is trying to promote diversity but, I wonder, is diversity something we should be striving to achieve? My high school was extremely diverse. We did extensive studies on other cultures and no racism was tolerated – from whites. There were countless clubs and organizations within the school dedicated to ethnicity. I joined no club based solely on racism.

In my old school, whites were less prevalent than Pacific Islanders. Who was the minority? A definition of diversity is "differing from one another."

Do we want to promote a theory that drives people further apart? At what point do people stop becoming colors and minorities and start becoming humans and students?

Cultural awareness might be a better goal, not just awareness of Latin culture, or African culture, but of all cultures in the world. Diversity breeds hatred. The races of my high school were so proud to be their race that other races seemed inferior. By emphasizing these differences, the school is only promoting intolerance. Cal Poly has been different. The students here are judged on merit, as opposed to race.

The first and fourth steps of this plan are the only good points. These steps provide aid for anyone in need of help, regardless of ethnicity. The other two steps focus solely on minorities. The second step helps minority students graduate. I do not know what

this help entails, but I'm sure that the non-minority electrical engineering major who takes an English class will still go on Academic Probation.

Denial of opportunity to any student is unacceptable, minority or otherwise. Funding in the form of scholarships only available to certain minority groups is a form of racism. Students from all ethnicities can excel at their studies, and in turn, should be rewarded. Students can express interest and support for those of other races. Should they be denied scholarships even when they make a huge contribution?

Should staff members be chosen based upon their color rather than their skill at teaching? How can we promote diversity when all it does is drive us, as humans, further apart? Offer programs for the less fortunate. Help students achieve their goals. Don't sort us into colors and ethnicities. Don't punish people who can't change who they are.

Morgan Engel is an English junior.

America should lose death penalty

In this past presidential election, there were many issues that divided Vice President Al Gore and Texas Gov. George W. Bush, but one issue upon which they agreed was the death penalty. Both candidates supported the punishment of death for capital crimes.

In the case of Gov. Bush, his political stance clearly echoed his personal convictions. He was accused in the

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being "overly proud" of the fact that he, as governor, had put so many people to death. This charge wasn't made by Gore, however, but by Leo, an audience member of the town hall. Denying the charge, Bush responded: "No, I'm not proud of that. The death penalty is very serious business."

Whether or not Bush's notorious 15-minute reviews of death penalty cases are proof or not, he is right: The death penalty is very serious business. The gravity of capital punishment demands meticulous regulation and institution. Mounting evidence suggests, however, that both are negligently absent. Even if one were to grant the dubious claim that capital punishment is good in theory, it leads to gross injustice in practice.

Every citizen in America is guaranteed the right to a fair trial. In several death penalty cases, this right has been violated. For example, in a case that has received national attention, attorney Joe Cannon slept through a large portion of his client's trial. Despite the defendant's right to due process, a federal appeals court recently upheld the death penalty ruling. Several other cases have been identified in which due process was highly questionable.

The Quixote Center, an anti-death penalty organization, recently published a report identifying 16 men in seven states that had not received a fair trial. The report cites patterns and practices that violate the defendants' constitutional rights. It states that the defense attorneys, who are mostly court-appointed, "routinely failed to mount a defense."

Part of the reason for this is that the appointment of defense lawyers in capital cases is often made by judges on the basis of political or personal motivations. This often results in the defendant being assigned an incompetent attorney. At other times, the judges are simply unable to find good attorneys willing to accept the poor compensation for taking on a death penalty case.

The report additionally charges that there was "compelling evidence of official misconduct and abuse committed

at the investigation and trial stage. Suppression of exculpatory evidence was common. Confessions were obtained through coercion, force, threats and even torture."

In general, police, attorneys and judges are tempted to compromise legal ethics in response to political and professional pressures. Prosecuting attorneys often rely on "killer shrinks" who testify against the defendant, psychologically condemning them just as a matter of course and oftentimes with only a brief overview of the case file. They also employ "jailhouse snitches" who provide questionable testimony, often acting out of self-interest.

Another injustice of capital punishment is the socio-economic inequity of its implementation. District attorneys tend to seek the death penalty in those cases where the defendant is not represented by a respected, competent lawyer. Thus, the poor are more likely to be targeted because they are largely unable to retain quality counsel.

This inequality extends to race as well. Whereas justice is supposed to be blind, the implementation of the death penalty disfavors minorities. In September, the Department of Justice issued a report that indicated a racial disparity in federal prosecutions that seek the death penalty for those convicted of violent crimes.

Since 1995, U.S. attorneys have sought capital punishment against 682 defendants: 48 percent of these defendants were black, 29 percent Hispanic and 20 percent white. People of color are disproportionately represented on the death rows of our nation. Furthermore, the race of the victim is a principle determinant in sentencing offenders to death. For instance, the combination of a black defendant and a white victim is most likely to result in a death sentence, particularly if the defendant is male, the victim, female.

Oddly enough, geography is also a factor that determines whether or not capital punishment is implemented. Jesse L. Jackson, Jr. states, "If you're an African American in Texas who commits a crime that could warrant the federal death penalty, you get it. If you're a white person in New York City, you probably don't. If you're any race in Alaska, you definitely won't."

All of this evidence impugns the justice of the death penalty. Not only is its implementation unsettlingly arbitrary, it is also unjust. In consideration of these injustices, Illinois Gov. George Ryan declared a moratorium earlier this year on all executions in the state. Since 1987, 13 Illinois death row inmates have been freed from a system Ryan deemed "fraught with error."

Other politicians and political groups are calling for a moratorium on executions in a system so beleaguered with problems. Given these considerations, it seems that even proponents of capital punishment in theory would have to reject it in practice.

The most terrifying consequence of capital punishment in practice is that the criminal justice system is murdering innocent people every year under the death penalty. This fact is neither minute nor remote. A report recently released by the Washington, D.C.-based Death Penalty Information Center states that between 1993 and 1997, 21 death row prisoners were exonerated by the courts. They estimate that an average of 4.8 innocent defendants were released each year since 1993. The 21 cases cited bring the total of such wrongful convictions to 69 since 1973. Innocent citizens are being put to death by their government. This isn't something that should happen in America.

Even beyond the grave injustices that arise in the implementation of capital punishment, there remain ideological reasons to reject it. Capital punishment is barbaric. The U.N. agency on human rights has severely criticized capital punishment in America as a human rights abuse. Pope John Paul II has denounced it as well. In the present age, all of Western Europe has abolished the death penalty, either in theory or practice. America needs to evolve and realize that killing, no matter how "official," degrades the killer. And when a government kills one of its citizens, there is blood on the hands of each and every one of us.

Matt Brophy, University of Minnesota, U-wire.

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Candidates were virtually identical

Election 2000 was without a doubt the closest election since 1960's famous one-vote-per-precinct Kennedy victory against Nixon. But is a close election a good thing?

No one would dare suggest that our newly elected 43rd president received a mandate, an overwhelming call to duty

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from the voting public. Indeed, almost all exit polls revealed that voters felt significantly slighted in their choices and considerably dissatisfied with their selection; Bush had the character, but not the know-how, whereas Gore had the brains, but not the heart.

Arguably, the closeness of the election reveals that the presidential nominees were, in the end, too interchangeable for their own good. Spending much of the election courting centrist crossover voters – Reagan Democrats and Clinton Republicans – both Bush and Gore converged to the point where they became copycat candidates running on essentially the same issues: education, Social Security and taxes. Traditionally partisan issues were shared to such a degree that they lost all sense of being partisan at all. All of a sudden, the Republican nominee was pumping his education platform and the Democratic opponent was talking about foreign policy. Both candidates' flip-flop fickleness may have flipped so

many times that they both ended up flopping.

Bush lost almost all of the so-called "swing states," while Gore's Tennessee and Clinton's Arkansas betrayed their Democratic roots with votes for Dubya.

In the debates, the only noticeable difference was in the color of the candidates' ties. Even if it had gone the other way on election night, would Jan. 20's inauguration be looking all that different?

Aren't both candidates promoting the same clichéd pro-family (as if anyone is anti-family) middle class placebo politics? Didn't both of them agree on the same promise? Energize Washington into the 21st century and bring America into a new era of innovation, prosperity and honor.

WASP-swapping elections are always frustrating. This year's presidential election, however, was especially so. The overly-centrist Republican message is what made the election so close – too close. The election was close not because the fighting was fierce and the get-out-the-vote drives intense.

Ultimately, the election was close because it was not an election between Bush and Gore; it was an election for Republican centrism. It's just that more people chose one over the other to represent that centrism.

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Woods disappointed with tour commissioner

NEW YORK (AP) – Tee shots are not the only thing Tiger Woods hits hard.

PGA Tour commissioner Tim Finchem learned that Tuesday when he picked up Golf World magazine and read Woods' blistering review of his job performance.

In a half-hour interview last weekend, Woods dropped the loaded word "monopoly" to describe how Finchem conducts some tour business. He also put the commissioner on notice he wants control over how he is used in promotional campaigns, as well as a share of the skyrocketing revenues Woods is generating for the game.

"I believe what I believe in," Woods said. "I understand the whole picture."

The most popular figure in his sport, perhaps in all of sports, was prepared to issue his unprecedented demands in person – except he and Finchem rarely speak.

"The only time he talks to me is when he wants me to do something for him," Woods said. "To play in this tournament or that tournament. It's not like he comes up to me and asks me how I'm doing."

If Finchem had, he'd get an earful.

Woods has concerns large and small. More than a year later, he still is fuming over the tour's refusal to let his father, Earl, ride in a golf cart and follow the "Showdown at Sherwood," Woods' made-for-TV battle with David Duval that made more money for the tour.

He's also tired of being pressured to play more tournaments, tired of his likeness being used to endorse products he doesn't benefit from, and tired – maybe most of all – with Finchem assuming he's got Tiger by the tail.

Finchem has yet to respond to the magazine story, but Earl Woods cautioned him not to take his son lightly.

"I've talked to Tim on numerous occasions about very important things and found him to be fair and open-minded," Earl Woods said. "But this is like two tigers that are head to head with only one trail and both going in opposite directions."

"One of them has to step aside in order for the other one to pass. And

Tiger has all the cards."

The younger Woods doesn't sound hesitant about using them. Asked about the seriousness of his conflict with Finchem & Co., he said, "Serious enough that if we don't make everyone aware of it now, it could escalate into a bigger situation."

▼ *"The only time (PGA tour commissioner Tim Finchem) talks to me is when he wants me to do something for him. To play in this tournament or that tournament."*

Tiger Woods
PGA golfer

If this sounds familiar, it should. There are echoes of conflicts from the not-too-distant past involving Michael Jordan and Greg Norman.

Jordan was the first athlete to reach the endorsement stratosphere, but he realized too late exactly how much he meant to the NBA.

He recouped some of his value in a series of big contracts at the end of his career. But for all the money the basketball great made for himself – Jordan's personal fortune is estimated at \$450 million – he made 20 times that for other people.

By talking to Golf World, Woods let the PGA Tour know he won't make the same mistake; witness his recent \$100 million deal with Nike.

Norman was the last athlete to propose that the stars of golf run their own show. In 1994, he went public with plans to launch a world tour. It was to be backed by Fox Sports, run by a Florida-based firm with some tournament experience, and guarantee the top 30 players in the world at least \$290,000 a year.

Finchem squashed that uprising within weeks. Three years later, he launched a world tour of his own. Norman's problems were bad timing, small thinking and harboring ambitions grander than his drawing power. Woods won't make those mistakes, either.

Janikowski hospitalized

ALAMEDA, Calif. (AP) – While Sebastian Janikowski remained hospitalized Wednesday for a bacterial infection in his kicking foot, the Oakland Raiders looked at another kicker, former Packer and Redskin Brett Conway.

Janikowski entered an undisclosed hospital Monday night for treatment for cellulitis. The condition in his left foot came to light shortly before the Raiders' game Sunday against the Kansas City Chiefs.

Raiders coach Jon Gruden said Janikowski was expected to spend three days in the hospital.

"He's 1,000 percent better," Raiders special teams coach Bob Casullo said Wednesday. "I talked to him last night and he was in good spirits."

The Raiders expected Janikowski, the 17th overall draft pick, to be ready for Monday, night's game against the Denver Broncos.

But as a precaution, the team on

Tuesday tried out Conway, who strained his quadriceps during training camp with the Washington Redskins and was later released.

Punter Shane Lechler assumed Janikowski's duties in Sunday's game against the Chiefs, which the Raiders won 49-31. Lechler, also a rookie, handled kickoffs and made all his extra points, but missed a 33-yard field-goal attempt in the fourth quarter.

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Midfielder Evan Clark finished the season with two goals and four assists for the Mustangs.

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recorded his first career shutout, recording five saves in the process.

Gartner said that the key element to the victory was one thing the Mustangs have not had much of this season – luck.

"Today, the bad luck we've had all season didn't happen," he said. "That was the only difference."

He said that bad bounces and breaks plagued the Mustangs this season, their second subpar effort in a row.

"Every one of our losses could have been a win," Gartner said. "I would say we deserved to win the majority."

Struggles with injuries, including a broken leg suffered by goal-

keeper Brenton Junge, lack of depth and a difficulty finishing on scoring opportunities were other key factors in the 5-12-1 season.

Despite its struggles, the team was glad to end the season on a high note by emphatically defeating the Gauchos, whose head coach Tim Vom Steeg made some derogatory comments toward Cal Poly following UCSB's victory in San Luis Obispo last season.

"We're obviously the better program," Gartner said, refuting Vom Steeg's contrary claims of a year ago. "I'll let the results speak for themselves."

Gartner couldn't offer much in the way of a prediction for next season, but he did give one promise.

"I'll be wearing my lucky jacket all the time," he said.

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just got done watching a hotly contested World Series. All the NFL games seem to be coming down to the wire. The conference races in college football are starting to heat up. Both the NBA and the NHL have begun their seasons with many intriguing questions to be answered. Within a couple of weeks, college basketball will be getting in the swing of things.

For all the excitement it provides, there is a huge drawback to following all these sports. Specifically, when does a person have time to study? Therein lies the problem being debated.

Looking back on my college career thus far, I usually start my fall quarter classes really well. As soon as there's one awesome game, I get knocked off course. Not only do I talk incessantly about the game with my buddies, but I also tune in to SportsCenter to watch the highlights again and I read the newspaper for the box scores.

What does all this add up to, an incredulous teacher might ask? A significantly less amount of time to study.

When I have to go to a teacher's office hours on weekday evenings, I'm

most likely missing a whole bunch of NBA games. When I have to get together with class groups on Saturdays, I'm missing all the college football games. When I have to study for a Monday midterm, I'm missing the full slate of the NFL schedule on Sunday.

In the grand scheme of things, what is more important? Studying for school or watching some of the game? Obviously, school wins out in the long run, but sports are definitely what keep me sane while I'm here. Plus, seeing as how I could be doing drugs or drinking instead, I think sports is a viable alternative.

Don't get me wrong; I know that I shouldn't be making excuses for not studying hard at school. Especially not ones as lame as "I failed because the game went to triple overtime," but at least when I graduate I'll know exactly why my GPA wasn't as high as my mom would've liked it to be – sports!

P.S. Anyone know what time the Clippers game is on tonight?

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STEPHEN KEMP/STOCK PHOTO

Quarterback Seth Burford was named ESPN/USA Today I-AA Player of the Week for his performance last week against Northern Iowa. He needs 348 more yards to become Cal Poly's all-time leading passer.

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Burford broke a school record with 566 yards passing last Saturday. He has also tied the school record for touchdown passes with 22 this season. Burford, currently fourth in total yards passing at Cal Poly, needs 348 more yards to beat the record.

"They were both happy with their broken records," said Cal Poly head coach Larry Welsh. "I think they felt good when the game was over, but they really wanted a win."

The last time the Matadors and Mustangs met was in 1995, Matador head coach Jeff Kearin's first year as head coach. Cal Poly dominated the game (49-7) at Mustang Stadium.

"I'm excited to get this series going again," Kearin said. "They match up well against us."

The Matadors are coming off a close loss last week as well. In a high-scoring battle, Cal State Northridge barely lost to Sacramento State, 61-64.

"We haven't been playing all that great, as our record shows," Kearin said. "We've all gotten better over the last five years."

As far as the Mustangs go, Kearin

said he has been impressed with the Cal Poly offense.

Coach Welsh has every reason to be confident in his offense and passing game. But the defense has been struggling.

"We need to play harder on defense," Welsh said. "The Northridge passing game is very good. We've lost some leadership, but our guys are out there busting their butts."

This Saturday's game will be played at Cal State Northridge at 3:05 p.m., and is the last away game for the Mustangs before they close out the season against Youngstown State next Saturday.

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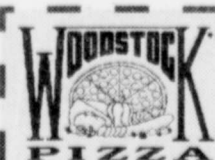


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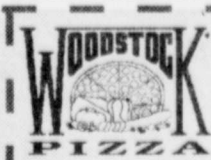


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Mustangs beat UCSB in season finale

By Jon Hughes

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Although the game meant nothing in terms of post-season implications, the Cal Poly men's soccer team's 3-0 victory Tuesday over UC Santa Barbara had all the intensity of a key late-season matchup.

In a rowdy season finale filled with rough play by both sides and aggressive heckling by a hostile Cal Poly crowd, the Mustangs shut out the rival Gauchos behind great defense and their second highest goal total of the season.

With the victory, the Mustangs end their 2000 season with a record of 5-12-1. More importantly, head coach Wolfgang Gartner said they prevented the Gauchos from finishing the season with a winning record, sending them home at 9-9-1.

"It's a pleasure to be able to give them a losing record," Gartner said.

The developing rivalry between the two schools saw gasoline poured on the flames Tuesday as a cluster of Cal Poly fans, calling themselves "Wolf's Gang," ruthlessly taunted UCSB players all night with yells, organized cheers and even enlisted a megaphone to drive the point home.

Midfielder Kayin DeSandies was appreciative of the rabid fans' efforts.

"We love the hecklers," he said. "They come out here to support us every game and they're great."

The fans had plenty to cheer as the Mustangs took the lead early on a Johnny Cummins goal just 10 minutes into the game and never relinquished it. Cummins' goal was his eighth of the season and he later broke a Cal Poly record for career shots with 118.

Terrance Vaughn added a goal early in the second half, followed by an unassisted late goal by Jeff Narduzzi to run the score to 3-0.

Freshman goalie Greg Blevins

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STEPHEN KEMP/STAFF WRITER

Left, forward Terrance Vaughn had a goal on three shots in Cal Poly's 3-0 victory over UCSB. Vaughn finished the season with three goals on 23 shots.

Below, hecklers cheer on the soccer team. The Cal Poly students call themselves "Wolf's Gang" and attend every men's soccer game. They used a megaphone to heckle the Gaucha players Tuesday night.



STEPHEN KEMP/STAFF WRITER

Football desperate for victory

By Jayson Rowley

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Close, but no cigar.

That is the feeling the Mustangs have had in their last two games. After barely losing to Hofstra on a last second field goal (33-30) and letting Northern Iowa squeak by in a tight game (43-41), Cal Poly (3-6) is hoping to be on the winning side this weekend against Cal State Northridge (3-6).

Cal Poly's offense has been connecting in the air thanks to the dynamic duo of wide-receiver Kassim Osgood and quarterback Seth Burford. Last week against Northern Iowa, Osgood broke a Division I-AA national record with 376 yards receiving. He also broke a school record with 17 receptions, bringing his total this season to yet another school record of 66 receptions.

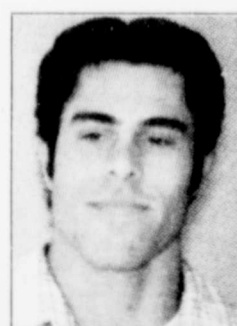
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Briefs

Preseason predictions made for basketball

COSTA MESA, Calif. (AP) — The Utah State men and UC Santa Barbara women were overwhelming choices of the Big West Conference coaches and media to win the league's basketball championships this season.

The defending champion Utah State men picked up eight first-place votes and 64 points in the coaches poll. Long Beach State was second with the remaining first-place vote and 57 points.

Boise State was third, followed by UC Irvine, UCSB, Cal Poly, Pacific, Cal State Fullerton and Idaho.

Utah State received 18 first-place votes and 192 points in the media poll, with Long Beach State picking up the remaining four first-place votes and 180 points.

UCSB was third, followed by UC Irvine, Pacific, Boise State, Cal Poly, Idaho and Cal State Fullerton.

The UCSB women, who have won four straight conference titles, received seven first-place votes and 49 points in the coaches poll, with Long Beach State and Pacific tying for second with 40 points. Long Beach got the remaining first-place vote.

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- Football vs. Cal State Northridge
 - at Northridge
 - at 3:05 p.m.
- Cross country at NCAA Regional Championships
 - at Fresno
 - at 10:00 a.m.